Arrest/killing of Pak intruders at the border

2772. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Pakistani spies and intruders killed and arrested during the past six months on the Indo-Pakistan border;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is renewing its attack on Indo-Pak border actively for the last one year; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to contain the Pakistan's attack on our border ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) The number of spies and intruders killed and arrested on the Indo-Pak border in the past six months is as follows :

Along the Line of Control in J & K:

15 spies and 14 intruders were apprehended and none killed during the period 1-2-88 to 31-7-88.

Along the international border :

239 intruders from Pakistan and one spy were killed and 1686 intruders from Pakistan and 22 spies (including 4 Pak nationals) were arrested during the period 1-1-88 to 30-6-88.

(b) and (c) There has been no attack by Pakistan on the Indo-Pak border during the last one year. Pakistani troops, however, attacked our position in the Siachen Glacier area and these attacks were repulsed.

Bilateral talks with Bangla Desh

2773. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bangla Desh Government has approached India for talks on bilateral issues;

(b) if so, whether representatives of the two Governments met recently to discuss these issues; and

(c) if so, what are the bilateral issues which have been discussed and whether all outstanding issues have been settled and to what extent the relations between the two countries have improved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The two Governments maintain regular contact at diplomatic level. Some bilateral issues remain outstanding. Relations between the countries are friendly; further improvement depends on cooperation from the Bangladesh Government.

Telugu-Ganga Project

2774. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Chief Minister had reiterated that the Telugu-Ganga Project will be completed by 1990 "Whether the Centre clears it or not" ;

(b) if so, whether the Andhra Chief Minister rules out any discussion on the issue with the Karnataka or Maharashtra Government;